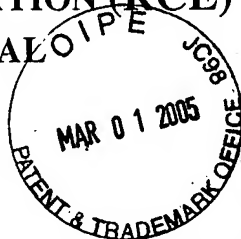


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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
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First Named Inventor	Yoshio ICHIKAWA
Group Art Unit	1773
Examiner Name	Michael C. Miggins
Matter Number	Q78738
Title	FUEL TANK FOR MOTOR VEHICLE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$395.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1773
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In re application of

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Sir:

Pursuant to the filing of an RCE herewith, and further responsive to issues raised in the Office Action dated October 1, 2004 , please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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